

Remarks

Applicant has amended cross-related patent applications to overcome Examiner objection.

I. Rejection of Claims 34-53 Under Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 34-53 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,338,082. Applicant has included a terminal disclaimer form to overcome the rejection of obviousness-type double patenting regarding Claims 34-53.

II. Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, the present application and pending claims 34-53, as amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a formal Notice of Allowance directed to claims 34-53, inclusive.

Should the Examiner believe that telephone correspondence would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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